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In re the Application of:

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For: BALL SCREW DEVICE AND LINEAR MOTION DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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After the title, insert the following section:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/317,978 filed May 25, 1999.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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